Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 11/8/2011 **Reference No.:** CB-047-2011

Draft No.: 1

Proposer(s): County Executive

Sponsor(s): Turner

Item Title: An Act amending the provisions of the County Code relating to the Executive Director, staff,

and budget of the Human Relations Commission

Drafter: Joseph R. Hamlin, Office of Law

Resource Personnel: Kerry R. Watson, Office of the County Executive

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:9/27/2011Executive Action:11/28/2011 SCommittee Referral:9/27/2011 - C.O.W.Effective Date:1/13/2012

Committee Action: 10/4/2011 - HELD

10/18/2011 - NR

Date Introduced: 10/18/2011

Public Hearing: 11/8/2011 - 10:00 AM

Council Action (1) 11/8/2011 - ENACTED

Council Votes: WC:A, DLD:A, MRF:A, AH:N, LJ:A, ML:A, EO:A, OP:A, IT:A, KT:A

Pass/Fail:

Remarks:

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

02-190

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date 10/18/2011

Committee Vote: No Recommendation 7-0 (In Favor: Council Members Turner, Franklin, Harrison, Lehman, Olson, Patterson, and Toles); (Absent: Council Member Campos); District 6 vacant.

This bill will amend the provisions of the County Code as it relates to the Human Relations Commission and provide for the Commission's budget to be incorporated into the budget of the Office of Community Relations. During discussion of the bill on October 4, 2011, Committee members had questions on the impact the consolidation would have on Federal funding, if the Commissioners would continue to act independently, if there are any conflicts of interest or problems with confidentiality of information received by the Commission, and if the Federal agency had any concerns with the consolidation. Musa Eubanks, Acting Director of Community Relations, and Mike Lyles, Acting Executive Director of the Human Relations Commission, provided written comments and gave a briefing at the meeting on October 18th to address those concerns.

The Office of Law has reviewed this legislation and finds it to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to its enactment.

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There will not be a negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-47-2011.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

The bill allows the Human Relations Commission's staff to be provided for and budget to be a part of the Office of Community Relations.

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